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CHINA SAFE—FOR THE PRESENT.

RUSSIA AND GERMANY.—Of course we want peace. It is n't wise to exercise on a full stomach.



ATTRACTIVE.

When consolidation was first broached the railway magnates shook their heads. "But, don't you see," argued the promoter, wilyly, "that if you consolidate, your power to incommode your suburban patrons will be vastly augmented?" Now the magnates glittered as to their eyes. It was plain they were fascinated.

YOU MAY reasonably expect to find an old head on an infant industry's shoulders.

"I CARE NOT who makes the liquor laws," says the average thirsty citizen, "provided they are not enforced."

WHAT THE British taxpayer needs is some one who will snatch him from the combined jaws of victory and defeat.



A LOSING CONTRACT.

THE TAILOR. — Heafens undt earth! Ninety-six undt a hal-luf!

THE CUSTOMER. — Surprised, are you?

THE TAILOR. — S' help me Moses, I 'll nefer gif anudder brice on a suit of glothos, vithout first takin' der measure!

RENOVATION.

THE warmer glow of longer days is here
To give to us a kinder atmosphere.
Fresh washed with April rains, the
azure sky

Is swung above us in May's sun to dry;
While o'er the reach of meadow, field and
glade,

In freshened hue, a verdant carpet's laid;
And hung on all the bushes and the trees
Are new-made garlands bright, and
draperies;

The lays of lark and dove are sung and crooned
With harmonies revised and notes re-tuned.

Then, with the renovation so complete,
Swings out the warning sign:

PLEASE WIPE YOUR FEET!

For o'er the earth, still soft from Winter's flood,
We hear Spring making footprints in the mud.

Wood Levette Wilson.



FEARED THE WORST.

HER MOTHER (*wisely*). — There! Don't take it to heart because George is n't always giving you jewelry, like Mr. Skeesicks does his wife. Perhaps Mr. Skeesicks is prompted by a guilty conscience.

MRS. YOUNGTHING (*miserably*). — I know that. B— But I 'm afraid George has n't any conscience!

THE BOERS, apparently, believe in teaching the young idea how to snipe.

YELLOW JOURNALISM is the logical effect of trying to make constant readers out of an inconstant public.

WE ARE a stiff-necked generation. Although Mr. Bok and Mrs. Sangster can be brought into anybody's life for one dollar per year, postpaid, there are yet to be found amongst us young men who wear ready-made ties and young women who say "store" instead of "shop."

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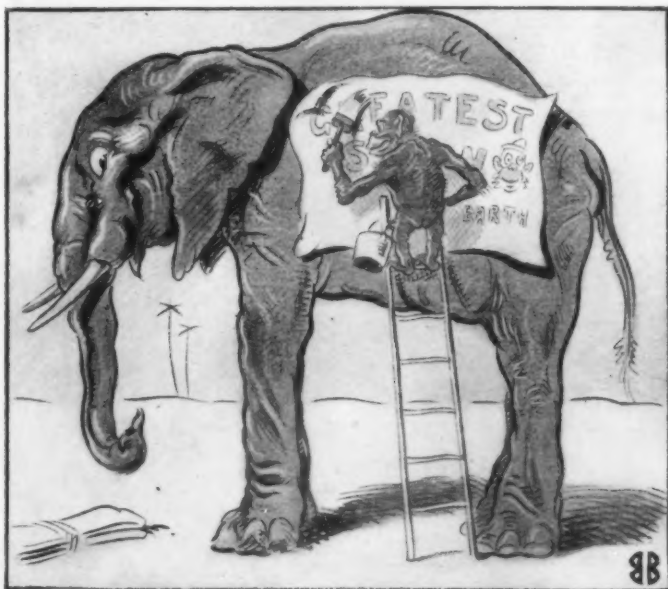


DANGER.

THE IDLER.—'T is a shame to treat a man so, dame!
THE VICTIM.—Have a care, Comrade, or she will give thee such a tongue-lashing as though thou wert her husband!

AN OPENING FOR REVENGE.

HARRY.—Harriet, don't you be so haughty with those people next door!
HARRIET.—Why not?
HARRY.—First thing you know they 'll offer Cook a dollar more and get her away from us.



EXCHANGE OF COURTESIES.

THE ELEPHANT.—Look here, old man, don't forget there's two bill-board tickets coming to me for this privilege!

LITERATURE.

Good Society having seen fit to give Literary Persons the cold shoulder, deeming them impossible, it fell out that these latter, writing novels, had to go down into the Lower Walks of Life for the originals of their Sap Heads.

Naturally, a very cheap, tawdry lot of Sap Heads was the result.

But, happily, Good Society was not stiff-necked, and the difficulty being pointed out to it, it invited Literary Persons to quite a few things, until all was presently well again.

This teaches that a really worthy literature requires the coöperation of all classes; and, especially, that the Monied do not acquit themselves of their obligation with merely buying all the rot that is published.



NOT HE.

MRS. HONK (in the midst of her perusal of the village newspaper).—Pillsbury, the druggist, is advertisin' a new "Pocket Cough Cure." Mebby you 'd better—

FARMER HONK.—No, I had n't! I ain't got no cough in my pocket!

LITTLE DID the men who made history think that they were merely turning out the raw material for historical fiction.

JUST LIKE WOMEN.

MAYME (in the background).—De brazen t'ing! She 's tellin' around dat de only t'ing dat 's keepin' her frum follerin' a t'eatrical career is de Gerry Sassiety.

GERTIE.—Well, all I got ter say is dat de Gerry Sassiety has anudder look comin'!



ONE DANGER REMOVED.

"Oh! I've got such a pain! May be I'm getting appendicitis!"
 "Well, don't worry, Stripesey. There's nobody around here to operate on you."

THE THREE WISHES OF THE PATIENT BROOKLYNITE.



ONCE UPON a time a good fairy appeared to a long-suffering Brooklynite, and, following the usual custom in such cases, told him to go ahead and make three wishes. After mature reflection he said that, if she did n't mind, he would make them one at a time.

"First," said he, "I wish you'd put me to sleep and wake me up when there are four more bridges over the East River. Life may be worth living when we have solved the problem of the Bridge crush!"

Accordingly, he slumbered peacefully, and after the lapse of an uncertain time she awakened him, and bade him look around. "Ah!" he said. "All the bridges are built?"

"They are," said the fairy. "And yet, I fear, you will not be happy. Thoughtful men are now struggling with the problem how to relieve five bridge crushes."

"How about the tunnel?" asked the Brooklynite, discouraged but not despairing.

"Thoughtful men," said the fairy, "are struggling with the problem of the tunnel crush."

"In that case," said the Brooklynite, "it is up to me to make another wish. I wish you'd put me to sleep again and wake me up when the problem of aerial navigation has been solved."

And again he slumbered; and again, after the lapse of time, she wakened him.

"The airships are making trips to Manhattan?" he inquired.

"They are," said the fairy; "but I regret to inform you that thoughtful men are discussing the problem of the airship crush."

"Humph!" said the Brooklynite. "It would seem that progress involves crush. Well, I have one wish left. Kindly put me to sleep and don't wake me up."

Wm. E. McKenna.



UNNECESSARY KNOWLEDGE.

AUNT SARAH (a spinster).—Now, dear, if you would only watch me closely, you might learn how to crochet.
 LITTLE BESSIE.—Oh! I'm goin' to get married when I grow up!



The parents of young persons should reflect that it is not always wise to spoil a bad elocutionist to make a worse cook.



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HOUSE-CLEANING.



THE EARTH so grimy was, and bare,
When Madame Spring moved in,
The good dame cried: "Well, I declare!
Just look where Winter 's been!"

"I'll have to clean up—Mercy Me!"
And hard at work she kept
While with the broom of March the lea
And hill and dale she swept.

Till finally the broom she dropped
And turned with might and main
And mopped and scrubbed, and scrubbed
and mopped
With floods of April rain.

At last her carpets new she spread,
Of bright and taking green
With blossom patterns. "Now," she said,
"We're ready to be seen!"

Edwin L. Sabin.

FORETHOUGHT.

SPORTSMAN.—I notice that you keep hornless cattle entirely,
instead of the horned variety.

NATIVE.—Yes; hunters from the city hain't quite so likely to
think, a hornless cow is a stately buck with beautiful eight-pronged
antlers.

IMPROVEMENT.

"Don't you think," I inquired of the prosperous-looking man
with the heavy mustache and watch-chain, who was dressed in the
14-inch balk line suit, "that the world is getting better?"

"Sure!" he replied, with the frank enthusiasm of success.
"Not only better, but easier."



HIS ESTIMATION.

FIRST FARMER.—Wonder how many horse-power that auto-
mobile is?

SECOND FARMER.—Give it up. But it's two donkey-power
now.

HIGH ART.

MRS. COTHERSTONE-SMITH.—Have you any ten-cent plaster
casts of Romeo, Macbeth, Hamlet and Othello?

DEALER.—I believe not, Madam.

MRS. COTHERSTONE SMITH.—Oh! How dreadful! I've
embroidered Juliet, Lady Macbeth, Ophelia and Desdemona on
sofa-pillows; but I can't fix up my Shakspeare-cosy-corner without
those men!



HOW IT LOOKED.

LIBRARIAN.—Is that young Dusenberry married yet?

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.—I judge so. He has stopped taking out romances and is
calling for the Ancient Greek Philosophers!

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HIS MODERATE VIEWS.

"The Prohibition folks are complaining a good deal about the way the drug stores are selling liquor."

"Yes?"

"Oh, yes! I'd be willing, myself, to have them closed on Sundays during church hours."

A MUCH-NEEDED IMPROVEMENT.

"WELL, THEY have finally gone to work on the new jail," said the loquacious landlord of the tavern at Pettyville, addressing the washing-machine agent who visited the hamlet often enough to be mildly interested in the affairs of the community. "The old one has been so ramshackly for a long time that whenever the weather got bad the tramps and stragglers would break in without the assistance of the constable. They made themselves right at home and there did n't seem to be any such thing as keepin' 'em out. And anybody that the authorities wanted to keep in, only staid long enough to scratch 'Excuse haste and a bad pen,' or something of the kind, on the wall, and then defunct for parts unknown, at their leisure."

"It kinder aggravated the Selectmen to have such liberties taken with the town's property, and they finally, and also economically, decided to build a new jail, and as far as possible use the material of the old jail in the construction of the new one, and to let the old one stand till the new one was done. Then, they had to have another session to get that fuddle straightened out; but at last they settled it that the old jail should be torn down and the material careful and grammatically, so to express it, incorporated into the new one—in the meantime the mild malefactors should be boarded 'round in the neighborhood, like school-teachers and presidin' elders, and the more desperate ones should be dropped down inside of hollow trees and left there till called for. So, now, at last, the good work has begun and the much-needed improvement is actively under way."

MORITURI.

"I am dying, Egypt, dying—"

Here Antony paused, his face radiant with peace.

"Did you ever think," he exclaimed, "that with no s in either of our names there won't be one elocutionist in a thousand who can hiss them with dramatic emphasis?"

Cleopatra laughed a happy little laugh. For she had thought of this, too.

LEARNING.

Once upon a time a boy ran away to sea and was extremely happy until he found he was learning geography, in spite of himself.

This made him sick of the whole business, and at the first opportunity he went ashore and took up agriculture, in which calling one learns nothing, unavoidably, except esoteric political economy.

MORAL.—Boys, don't leave the farm.



HIS SCHEME.

FIRST BUNCO MAN.—I'm thinking of writing my reminiscences.

SECOND BUNCO MAN.—Indeed?

FIRST BUNCO MAN.—Yes; I thought of calling it, "Good Things I Have Known."

ONE GOOD POINT.

THE EDUCATED FIG.—As far as I can see, the only real advantage of this higher education is that it makes folks less inclined to send one to the butcher.

SIXTEEN is a critical age with girls. It is then, if ever, that the Mary Anns become Maries and Maymes and Maes.



EVIDENCE.

THE REPORTER.—You say you've had a successful trip?

THE SOUBRETTE.—Very! Why, we came home on a train!



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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

NEEDLESS RANT. CLINGING WITH undying faith to the self-imposed tenets of "anti-imperialism" certain newspapers

have seen fit to hold up to scorn recent utterances of General Frederick Funston, Fighter and Speechmaker. General Funston is dangerous, they have averred, because he said he would prefer to see the "traitors" who agitate against the subjection of the Philippines hung on any convenient projection than to see one United States Soldier in the Philippines killed by bullets. The racy and emphatic language used by General Funston in his Lotus Club speech provoked much comment, it is true; but it is also true that the dramatic element has been intensified several thousand fold by that portion of the press which has taken the matter in all literalness, and has waved the anti-imperialistic banner with renewed furor. General Funston, in turn, has given a mild furor exhibition, his ire being chiefly aroused because, he says, his words have been misrepresented. The General did his fighting in the Philippines; it was his duty, as he saw it. Undoubtedly he has formed some strong convictions. If he wants to tell the rest of us a thing or two we should listen without reserve to anything he has to say which we want to hear. If we don't like it, we don't have to subscribe to any Funston monument fund; but wherefore should we rant?

HANNA'S HOPELESS TASK. THERE IS a long-lonely pedestal upon which the triumphant figure of the man who shall solve the problem of Labor versus Capital will never be placed. It has caught the eye of Senator Hanna. The joy of his hopeless task is, let us say, real. Senator Hanna has not been accused of being a dreamer; but if his sole ambition is to realize in himself the arbitrator who shall adjust the unadjustable differences between Capital and Labor he is hopelessly visionary. His motives may be unquestionable; even may his genius be colossal; but his task is more so. So long as Labor wants every cent it can get for service and Capital requires all the service it can get for its every cent no perfect solution is possible. The differences in viewpoint are not only irreconcilable, but unassailable. The only palliative of present and future absolute conditions is in an enlightenment which shall teach Labor and Capital that each shall recognize the rights of the other simply because each must admit the power of the other—not because either or both parties to the controversy may be subject to a spontaneous awakening of charitable feeling. Senator Hanna may be on a vacation, so to speak, and in this business for his health; but it will be Love's Labor lost. Closer relations of reliance between the Money Power and the Money Dependents will perhaps be evolved; closer relations of confidence, never if at all. The facts are to be faced. But the bland smile of the Senator from Ohio loses none of its chaste and charitable ardency as we contemplate him stealthily cornering the Rainbow.

THE DINING-ROOM FAD.

PING-PONG is as great as its name. It is a man's size game. It takes a full length table to play it. Ping-pong is a fad. So is Civic Reform, at times. On with the fads! If Golf did n't kill us we stand a splendid fighting chance with Ping-pong. The

latter requires less clothes, less area, and no less brains. It is quite the thing to settle right down to a battle to the finish at Ping-pong in one's plebeian dress clothes after dinner; no one has said that it is n't good form to play in one's full length trousers; any real lady may enter the lists with never a bit of red on her gown or jealousy on her conscience. Ping-pong is no 700-acre lot diversion; the humblest citizen may frivol away at it to his heart's content in his own cosey Harlem flat; this is easy if he has spirit enough to rip down the partition between the boudoir and the library. Ping-pong is allowable before retiring and on arising; after dinner it is the only possibility; indeed, what is dinner sans Ping-pong? It usurps the last forty minutes of that grossly materialistic hour in a fashion to bring joy to the butler and riotous happiness to the aged, the infant, and the dyspeptic. Eating will presently be all but obsolete, so strenuous are become the demands upon the dining table for a nobler purpose. Sandwiches may be served from the mantels for the backbiters and the spectators. Bleachers ought to be built in the reception hall for the latter. Usually but two persons play it. That feature never made Matrimony unpopular. As a game Ping-pong is nearly as exhilarating and far less dangerous. It is also safer than Poker. It leaves none of the heartburnings of Bridge; it beats Politics to death. It is a winner whether you lose or not.

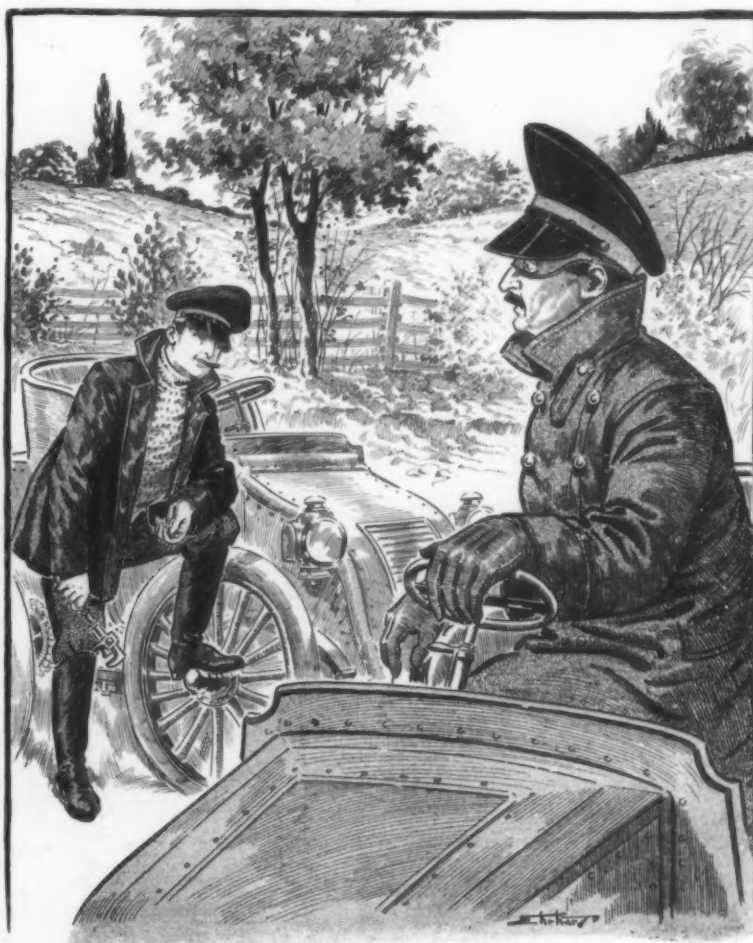
ESSENTIALS.

"In Lent," explained the Society personage, "we do the things that are meet for repentance."

"And not at other times?"

The woman hung her head.

"It is so necessary to do things that are meat for the newspapers!" she protested, as to justify herself.



THE MAKE.

FIRST CHAUFFEUR.—Whose make is your machine?

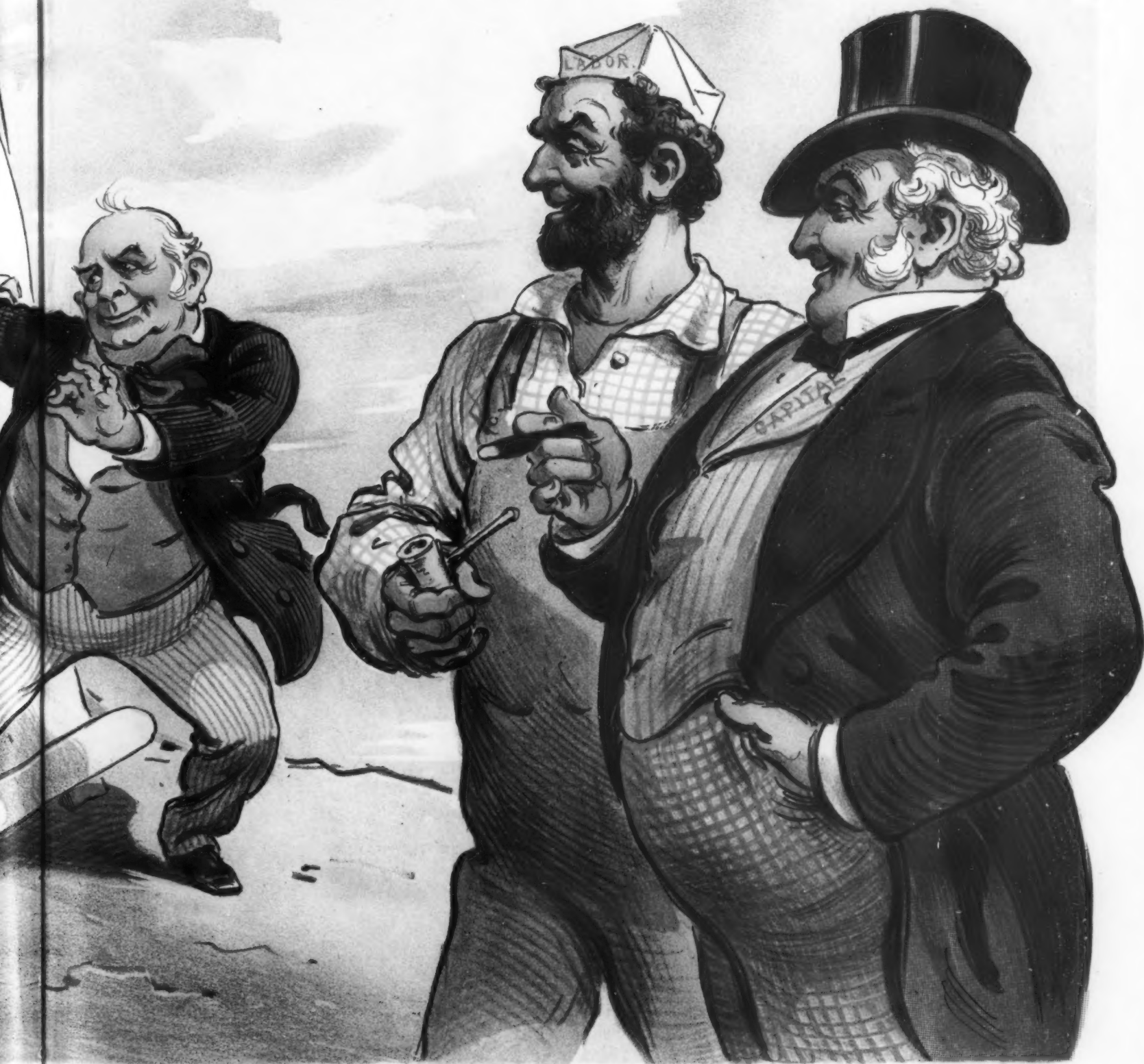
SECOND CHAUFFEUR.—Well, about one-third the manufacturer's and two-thirds the repairer's.



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THE JOYS OF ATTEMPTING

"I would want no greater monument than to have the world remember that I did something."



TEMPTING THE IMPOSSIBLE.

er that I did something to end the wars between American capital and American labor."—

From speech by Senator Hanna.

A SECONDARY CONSIDERATION.

"She 's allus so 'fraid of somebody swipin' dat dog."

"Am it wuff anyt'ing?"

"Wal, in dis hyah neighborhood a t'ing doan' have to be wuff nuffin' to git swiped."

PLACING THE TROUBLE.

HUNTER (after another miss).—Darn the luck! I don't know what can be the matter with this gun.

THE DIPLOMATIC GUIDE.—They kin talk as they like, sir, but nothin' kin make me believe this here smokeless powder is as good as the old-fashioned kind.

ABOUT THE SIZE OF IT.

"Talk about your torpedo-boat destroyers," said the Sage of Kohack, laying down his newspaper, "and your torpedo-boat destroyer destroyers and your torpedo-boat destroyer destroyer destroyers, and so on as long as you can keep up the repetition without making your tongue itch—but it strikes me that, just at present, the most active craft in naval and military circles is the reputation destroyer."

OUR skim-milk to the poor we give,
And then we fondly dream
The Recording Angel might mistake
And write it down as cream.



A REAL GIRLISH INSINUATION.

HE.—It was a case of love at first sight with the Count DeRat-mustashe, was n't it?

SHE.—Oh, yes! One look at Bradstreet's settled his fate!



WHERE THEY "HELD HIM."

COUNTRY POET.—Oh, yes! I 'm a prolific writer. Folks say I breed out poems faster than potato bugs!

POSTMASTER.—Ya-as, Rube;—but th' potato bugs hold 'way over your poems in th' p'int of popularity, yew know!

OATS: AN APPRECIATION.

Oats are the food of the most sagacious of animals, viz: horses and Scotchmen.

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Oats are reckoned an all-round crop, although you do now and then hear of a corner in oats.

Oats are wild or tame. Wild oats have come somewhat into disrepute through being cultivated mostly by men who are not farmers.

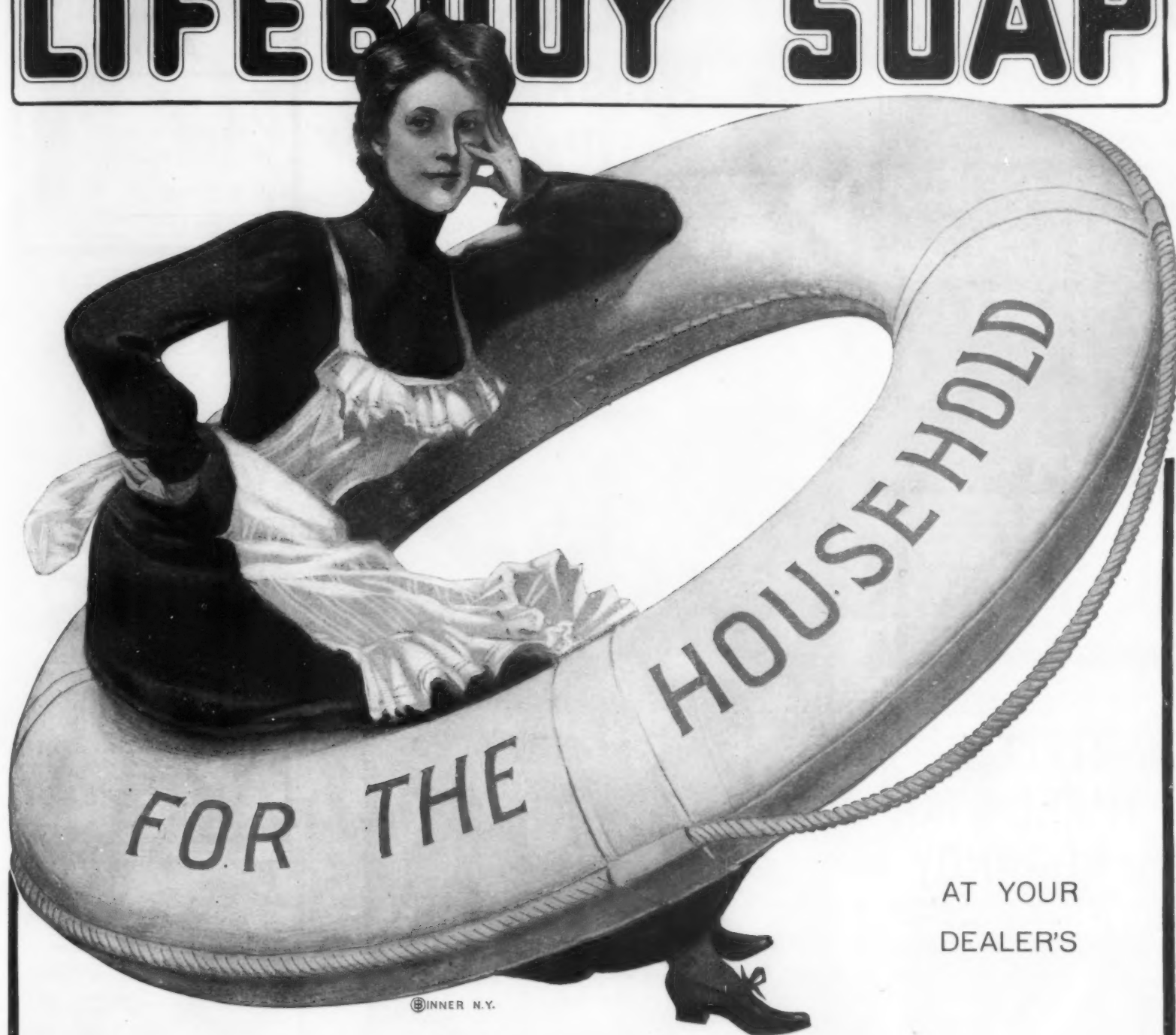
Oats are thought by some to induce a distinctly higher type of indigestion than any other health-food.



Heat injures a piano. Indeed, there are people who believe that it would be better in every way to keep all pianos in cold storage.



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"Of course."

"Well, I'll read it. I've made a little bit with my specialty and I'm
thinking about taking a go at managing. I'll read it, and if I like it I'll have
it dramatized and put on the road next season. Thanks for the tip!"—
Washington Star.



HER MAGNANIMOUS DECISION.

"And so they have made up their quarrel?"

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to accept his apology."

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traced to indigestion. Chase it away with Abbott's,
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PATIENCE.—A girl takes great chances on her first proposal of marriage.

PATRICE.—Do you mean if she accepts or declines it?

PATIENCE.—Either way.—*Yonkers Statesman.*

ON the whiskey dispensary question an old darky expressed himself in this
way: "I sho' does want it by wholesale, but I so po' dat I des 'bleege ter be a
plain retail drinker!"—*Atlanta Constitution.*

WHEN a man comes in, and is immensely glad to see us, because he is a
member of our lodge, we know there is a scheme back of his enthusiasm.—
Atchison Globe.

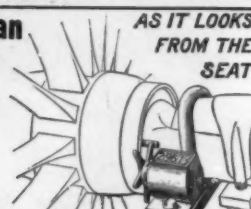
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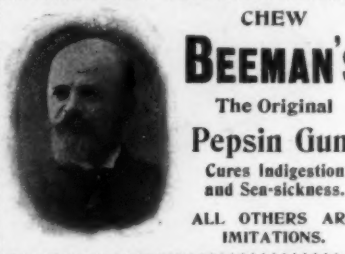
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HIS ESTIMATE OF HUMAN NATURE.

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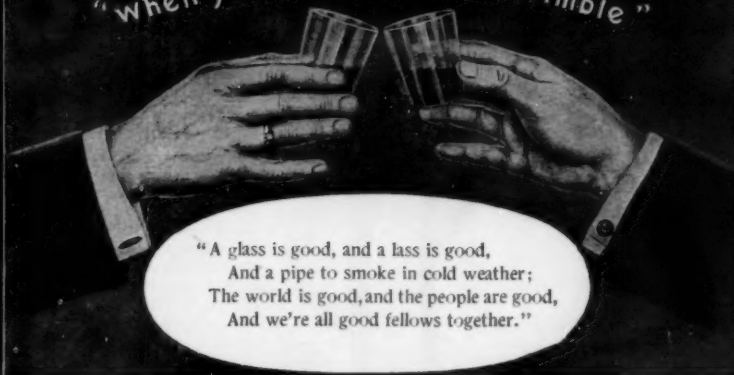
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